

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF  
PAUL V. FANT  
ON BEHALF OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA PIPELINE CORPORATION  
DOCKET NO. 2004-6-G**

**Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND POSITION.**

A. My name is Paul V. Fant, and my business address is 105 New Way Road, Columbia, South Carolina, 29224. I am Executive Vice President for Operations for South Carolina Pipeline Corporation ("SCPC" or "Company").

**Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATION AND BUSINESS EXPERIENCE.**

A. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from North Carolina State University. After graduating from college in 1975, Duke Power Company hired me as a Junior Engineer. In 1979, I joined South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G") and held various positions at the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station over the next six years.

In 1985, I became SCE&G's Manager of Customer Services for the Metro Columbia Area and, from 1986 to 1992, I was General Manager of Customer Relations for the Metro Charleston Area. In 1992, I became Executive Assistant to the Senior Vice President of SCE&G's Retail Electric Group and in 1996, I became General Manager of Support Services and Transit/Fleet Operations. Later in 1996, I was named Vice President, Support Services, for SCE&G. In February 1998, I assumed my present position as Executive Vice President for Operations for SCPC.

1   **Q.    WHAT ARE YOUR DUTIES WITH SCPC?**

2    A.       As Executive Vice President for Operations for SCPC, my corporate  
3       responsibilities include oversight of the operation of SCPC's intrastate natural gas  
4       transmission system, including maintenance and construction projects.  
5       Additionally, I am also responsible for the overall reliability of the system, which  
6       includes ensuring that the system is capable of providing safe and reliable service  
7       for our customers.

8   **Q.    WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT**  
9       **("PGA") PROCEEDING?**

10   A.       By Order No. 87-1112, dated October 5, 1987, the Public Service  
11       Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") instituted an annual PGA review  
12       of SCPC's gas purchasing policies and practices. These PGA reviews are  
13       conducted to determine the prudence of SCPC's gas purchasing policies and  
14       practices during the previous year or period under review and to determine if  
15       SCPC properly applied its tariff in recovering its gas costs. It should be noted that  
16       in every PGA review, the Commission has found that SCPC's gas purchasing  
17       policies and practices were prudent and that gas costs were properly recovered  
18       under its tariff in accordance with the Commission's directives.

19       In this PGA proceeding, the Commission will hear from personnel who  
20       implement SCPC's gas purchasing practices and policies and who address tariff  
21       issues on a day-to-day basis. Michael P. Wingo, General Manager of Gas Supply  
22       & Capacity Management, will discuss SCPC's gas purchasing practices, gas

1 supply and capacity, including interstate storage. SCPC's Vice President of  
2 Customer Relations and Market Development, Samuel L. Dozier, will discuss  
3 SCPC's customers' needs as well as the Industrial Sales Program Rider ("ISP-R").  
4 John S. Beier, Gas Analyst, will discuss SCPC's hedging program, and Thomas R.  
5 Conard, SCPC's Assistant Controller, will discuss gas cost recovery.

6 **Q. DOES THE COMPANY TYPICALLY PROVIDE THE COMMISSION**  
7 **WITH THE AMOUNT OF HISTORY AND BACKGROUND**  
8 **INFORMATION THAT IS CONTAINED IN THIS PGA PROCEEDING?**

9 A. No. In a typical PGA proceeding SCPC only presents testimony and  
10 exhibits strictly related to its gas purchasing policies and practices for the period  
11 under review. However, because a majority of this Commission is comprised of  
12 newly-elected commissioners who have not had the opportunity to preside over a  
13 PGA proceeding involving SCPC, the Company's witnesses will provide the  
14 Commission with important background information related to SCPC in an effort  
15 to assist the Commission with its review and understanding of SCPC's gas  
16 purchasing policies and practices. Moreover, SCPC provides the additional  
17 information in this PGA proceeding to give the Commission a historical  
18 foundation of how SCPC operates and fulfills its public responsibilities.

19 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY.**

20 A. The purpose of my testimony is to provide the Commission with a  
21 historical perspective of the development and regulation of the natural gas industry  
22 in the United States and South Carolina. Additionally, I provide the Commission

1 with an overview of the development of SCPC and its natural gas transmission  
2 system. Furthermore, I describe SCPC's system from an operating standpoint and  
3 discuss the principal facilities that comprise the system, including the capacity of  
4 the system for serving SCPC's customers. Finally, I address the construction  
5 projects the Company has completed over the last several years, which have  
6 increased the capacity, reliability, and operating flexibility of SCPC's system.

7 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE NATURAL GAS AND EXPLAIN ITS HISTORY AS A**  
8 **FUEL SOURCE.**

9 A. Natural gas is colorless, shapeless, and, in its pure form, odorless. Natural  
10 gas primarily consists of a chemical known as methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), which is a simple  
11 compound that has a carbon atom surrounded by four hydrogen atoms. Because  
12 methane is highly flammable and burns almost completely, there is no ash and  
13 very little air pollution.

14 For centuries, man has known about natural gas, but its use was localized  
15 because of the inability to capture, store, and transport the gaseous material. Then  
16 in 1821, William Hart drilled the first domestic natural gas well in Fredonia, New  
17 York, which was only twenty-seven (27) feet deep. By comparison, today's  
18 natural gas wells are often over thirty thousand (30,000) feet deep. Other  
19 entrepreneurs expanded upon Hart's work, which led to the creation of the  
20 Fredonia Gas Light Company, America's first natural gas company. By 1900,  
21 nineteen (19) states had discovered reserves of natural gas, and today natural gas is  
22 the preferred choice of fuel for industry.

1 **Q. HAS NATURAL GAS ALWAYS BEEN THE PREFERRED CHOICE OF**  
2 **FUEL FOR INDUSTRY?**

3 A. No. While natural gas is the preferred choice of fuel for industry today, this  
4 has not always been the case. Prior to 1945, no efficient system existed to  
5 adequately transport natural gas. As a result, many industries could not employ  
6 natural gas as a fuel source because natural gas simply could not be delivered to  
7 their plants in sufficient quantities and at reasonable prices. Because there was no  
8 infrastructure in place to transport the gas, natural gas upon discovery was usually  
9 allowed to vent into the atmosphere or simply left undisturbed in the ground.

10 It was not until 1945 that the natural gas industry experienced any  
11 significant growth. With the construction and expansion of reliable and safe  
12 natural gas pipelines throughout the United States, natural gas suppliers acquired  
13 the capability of transporting large quantities of gas over great distances at less  
14 cost. As natural gas became more readily accessible and affordably priced and  
15 because it was environmentally friendly, as compared to other sources of fuel,  
16 natural gas eventually became the preferred choice of fuel for industry.

17 **Q. PRIOR TO 1945, WHAT WAS THE PREFERRED CHOICE OF FUEL**  
18 **FOR INDUSTRY?**

19 A. Prior to 1945, the preferred choice of fuel for industry was manufactured  
20 gas. Manufactured gas, however, should not be confused with natural gas; the two  
21 are separate, distinct sources of fuel. Natural gas is a fossil fuel whereas  
22 manufactured gas is a man-made product, which is produced primarily from coal.

1 **Q. BRIEFLY EXPLAIN HOW MANUFACTURED GAS IS CREATED.**

2 A. Manufactured gas was one of the great industrial enterprises of the 19th  
3 century. Manufactured gas is created primarily from coal, coal and oil mixtures,  
4 or from petroleum, and there were three processes by which manufactured gas was  
5 created; (i) coal carbonization, (ii) the carburette water gas process, and (iii) the oil  
6 gas process, all of which were conducted in a manufactured gas plant.

7 **Q. WHAT LED TO THE DECLINE OF THE MANUFACTURED GAS**  
8 **INDUSTRY?**

9 There were a number of reasons that led to the decline of the manufactured  
10 gas industry; however, the primary reason was the construction and expansion of  
11 natural gas pipelines. As I stated above, prior to 1945, there was no adequate  
12 infrastructure in place to transport natural gas. Today, however, the transportation  
13 of natural gas is no longer an issue because reliable and safe pipelines have been  
14 constructed for the sole purpose of delivering natural gas to consumers,  
15 businesses, industries, and homes.

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17 **Q. BRIEFLY EXPLAIN HOW NATURAL GAS REACHES A CONSUMER?**

18 A. Natural gas is extracted from wells drilled in gas producing basins. Once a  
19 well produces marketable quantities of natural gas, the gas is gathered and  
20 transported to a gas processing plant. At the gas processing plant, the gas is  
21 measured, cleaned of impurities and water, and made available for sale or  
22 transport. The gas is then injected into a pipeline and transported to a major

1 delivery point, typically a local gas distribution company ("LDC"). The LDC then  
2 transports and delivers the natural gas to its consumers' premises and businesses.

3 **Q. HOW IS NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTED THROUGHOUT THE STATE**  
4 **OF SOUTH CAROLINA?**

5 A. SCPC owns and operates a high-pressure intrastate pipeline system that  
6 transports natural gas throughout the state. Because there are no known natural  
7 gas basins located within South Carolina and therefore no producing gas wells,  
8 SCPC relies primarily upon two (2) interstate pipelines to provide natural gas to  
9 the state of South Carolina. It is important to note that SCPC's ability to obtain  
10 natural gas from two (2) interstate pipelines further compliments SCPC's reliable  
11 supply of natural gas.

12 **Q. WHICH INTERSTATE PIPELINES DOES SCPC PRIMARILY RELY**  
13 **UPON FOR ITS SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS?**

14 A. SCPC relies primarily on Southern Natural Gas Pipeline ("Southern") and  
15 Transcontinental Pipeline ("Transco") for its supplies of natural gas. Southern is  
16 an interstate pipeline that stretches across seven states. In 1950, it terminated one  
17 of its pipelines at Aiken, South Carolina, which became a major interconnection  
18 point for SCPC's predecessor in interest. As illustrated by Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (PVF-1),  
19 SCPC's primary interconnection point with Southern is at Aiken.

20 Transco, on the other hand, stretches from Texas to New York, passes  
21 through the northwest quadrant of South Carolina, and is the nation's largest  
22 volume natural gas pipeline system. As illustrated by Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (PVF-2),

1 SCPC's primary interconnection point with Transco is at Grover. Exhibit \_\_\_\_  
2 (PVF-3) illustrates a combined view of Southern's pipelines and Transco's  
3 pipelines.

4 **Q. PLEASE PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH A BRIEF HISTORY OF**  
5 **SCPC.**

6 A. In 1952, SCE&G formed South Carolina Natural Gas ("SCNG"). As  
7 illustrated by Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (PVF-4), SCNG was an intrastate gas transmission  
8 system that interconnected with Southern's terminal at Aiken and transported  
9 natural gas to its commercial and residential customers in South Carolina. In  
10 1954, SCNG began providing natural gas service to Charleston and Columbia, and  
11 by the early 1960s, SCNG had constructed over four hundred (400) miles of  
12 pipeline. SCNG was eventually absorbed by SCE&G in 1967.

13 During the time that SCNG was constructing its gas transmission system,  
14 another company, Carolina Pipeline Co. ("Carolina Pipeline"), was constructing  
15 its own natural gas intrastate pipeline. As illustrated by Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (PVF-5),  
16 Carolina Pipeline was a gas transmission system that interconnected with  
17 Transco's pipeline terminal in Cherokee County and transported natural gas to its  
18 industrial, commercial, and residential customers in the northern portion of the  
19 State. Carolina Pipeline's natural gas pipeline stretched for three hundred thirty  
20 (330) miles from Cherokee County to Florence and Dillon Counties. In 1976, a  
21 holding company, Carolina Energies, Inc. ("CEI"), was formed, and Carolina



1 Pipeline became CEI's transmission subsidiary. In 1982, SCE&G acquired CEI,  
2 and in 1984, the gas transmission systems of SCE&G and CEI were integrated.

3 In 1985, SCPC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SCANA Corporation  
4 ("SCANA"), was created as part of a Commission-approved reorganization of  
5 SCANA to manage SCE&G's natural gas transmission systems. At that time, all  
6 of SCE&G's gas transmission facilities, along with the direct industrial customers  
7 served by those facilities, were transferred to SCPC. Over time, SCPC has  
8 expanded its gas transmission system to meet the needs of South Carolina and its  
9 citizens. Today, as illustrated by Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (PVF-6), SCPC's gas transmission  
10 / system consists of more than two thousand (2,000) miles of high pressure natural  
11 gas pipeline. In addition, SCPC's system provides safe, reliable, and economical  
12 service either directly or indirectly to forty-five (45) of the state's forty-six (46)  
13 counties.

14 **Q. PLEASE DISCUSS THE HISTORY OF SCPC'S REGULATION BY THE**  
15 **COMMISSION.**

16 A. The Commission's regulation of SCPC over the years has been tailored to  
17 address the two very distinct markets that SCPC serves: (i) sale for resale  
18 customers and (ii) industrial customers, both of which will be discussed by Mr.  
19 Dozier in his direct testimony. The sale for resale customers operate distribution  
20 systems that primarily serve residential and commercial customers who require  
21 firm service and whose needs are greatest on the coldest days of the year when use  
22 of the system's capacity is maximized. Because residential and commercial

1 customers do not have alternative fuel capabilities similar to SCPC's industrial  
2 customers, they cannot swing on and off the system in response to competitive  
3 pressures similar to an industrial customer. As a result, the rates for SCPC's sale  
4 for resale customers are fixed by the Commission.

5 The industrial market is very different from the sale for resale market in  
6 that the industrial energy market is not a captive market. From the beginning of  
7 operations in the 1950s, SCPC has sold natural gas to industrial customers in  
8 competition with other fuels, which include coal, propane, fuel oil, and wood  
9 chips, to name a few. As a result of the restructuring of the interstate pipelines by  
10 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") in the early 1990s, SCPC  
11 now faces gas-to-gas price competition. Since the prices of these competitive  
12 fuels are not regulated, SCPC's ability to retain industrial customers and make  
13 sales in this market depends entirely on its ability to meet changing competitive  
14 prices. The risk that a large segment of this market will be lost due to competitive  
15 pressure is always present.

16 As will be discussed by Mr. Dozier in his direct testimony, the Commission  
17 has allowed the rates of direct industrial customers to be set through negotiation in  
18 response to the competitiveness of the industrial fuels market. Moreover, the  
19 Commission has established maximum markups ("rate caps") on industrial  
20 contracts based on the customer's end use or curtailment priority.

1 **Q. HOW DOES SCPC PROVIDE NATURAL GAS TO ITS CUSTOMERS?**

2 A. As will be discussed in greater detail by Mr. Wingo, SCPC is responsible  
3 for obtaining a reliable supply of natural gas for its gas transmission system.  
4 SCPC purchases the gas commodity from producers and marketers and contracts  
5 for capacity on Transco and Southern's pipelines to move the physical supply of  
6 natural gas from the production sources to SCPC's system. SCPC also has two (2)  
7 liquefied natural gas facilities on its system, which are used primarily as a  
8 mechanism to help meet peak loads on the system and as a backup supply of gas in  
9 emergency situations.

10 In order to provide safe, reliable, and economical natural gas service to  
11 South Carolina, SCPC's management continually analyzes and considers the  
12 supply and interstate capacity aspects of its business on an on-going basis. All of  
13 the variables related to the growth of South Carolina and the demand on SCPC's  
14 system must be balanced with corresponding supply and capacity needs.

15 **Q. WHY IS SCPC'S BUSINESS IMPORTANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA?**

16 A. Natural gas has contributed significantly to the positive economic  
17 development that South Carolina has experienced over the years. Since the 1950s,  
18 SCPC and its predecessors have played an important role in bringing the benefits  
19 of natural gas service across the state. During that time, SCPC put into place the  
20 infrastructure that now serves, either directly or indirectly, forty-five (45) of the  
21 state's forty-six (46) counties through more than two thousand (2,000) miles of  
22 high pressure transmission lines. To maintain positive economic growth in South

1 Carolina, SCPC believes that it is essential that the state's natural gas  
2 infrastructure be supported by a financially strong company and that it be  
3 prudently managed so that South Carolina customers will continue to receive and  
4 enjoy safe, reliable and efficient natural gas service.

5 **Q. DOES SCPC'S INFRASTRUCTURE PROMOTE ECONOMIC**  
6 **DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE?**

7 A. Yes. Natural gas has contributed significantly to the positive economic  
8 development experienced by the state of South Carolina over the years, and SCPC  
9 has played an integral role in bringing the benefits of natural gas service across the  
10 state. For this economic development to continue, it is essential that SCPC be  
11 financially strong in order to construct and maintain the infrastructure necessary to  
12 provide natural gas service and that SCPC's infrastructure continue to be  
13 prudently managed so that South Carolina customers will continue to receive and  
14 enjoy safe, reliable, and efficient natural gas service.

15 SCPC also understands the role and necessity of the regulatory process.  
16 The goal of the regulatory process is to provide a proper balance between the  
17 interests of SCPC in remaining financially sound, so that adequate infrastructure  
18 can be maintained to meet the needs of existing customers and to provide capacity  
19 for growth, with those of the various businesses and individuals who seek natural  
20 gas service that is economical, reliable, and safe.

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE SCPC'S SYSTEM FROM AN OPERATIONAL**  
2 **STANDPOINT.**

3 A. As I testified earlier, SCPC's operates more than two thousand (2,000)  
4 miles of natural gas pipeline, and presently receives gas from interstate pipelines  
5 operated by Southern and Transco. In fact, SCPC is Southern's largest customer  
6 downstream of Atlanta. As I stated above, SCPC's principal delivery point on the  
7 Southern system is at Aiken, and the principal delivery point on the Transco  
8 system is at Grover.

9 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COMPRESSION FACILITIES SCPC**  
10 **OPERATES.**

11 A. SCPC operates compressor stations at Aiken Southern, Aiken North,  
12 Grover, and Camden. These compressor stations use gas-powered turbines to  
13 move gas into and through SCPC's system and to raise the pressure of gas within  
14 the Company's lines. Located on these sites are a total of twenty-nine (29), 1,050  
15 horsepower compressors. These compressors allow the Company to increase the  
16 throughput of the system, to regulate the pressure on the system, and to regulate  
17 the amount of gas stored in the system through a concept called "line pack."

18 Of the compressor stations now on the system, the Aiken Southern and  
19 Grover stations are the largest. The Aiken Southern station, as it exists today, was  
20 a product of the merger of Carolina Energies and SCE&G. Before the merger, the  
21 companies had three compressor stations operating independently in the South  
22 Aiken area. After the merger, SCPC consolidated the compressor stations and

1 physically relocated the compressors to the Aiken Southern site. Aiken Southern  
2 is one of the largest and most powerful compressor stations served by Southern,  
3 and this compressor station's capabilities are critical to meeting customer demands  
4 because of the low gas pressures that SCPC often experiences on Southern's  
5 system. The low pressure results from SCPC being the largest customer of  
6 Southern downstream of Atlanta and because SCPC is at the end of Southern's  
7 pipeline.

8 The consolidation of these stations, along with the establishment of a single  
9 delivery point for both systems at Aiken, has also allowed for much more flexible  
10 operation of the system. Today, SCPC accepts all of its Aiken gas at the same  
11 delivery point and can use the compression capability of the combined stations to  
12 direct Aiken gas to whichever route has the greatest need – south to Charleston,  
13 east to Columbia, northeast to Bethune, or to the Clinton – Newberry service area.  
14 This provides SCPC with great flexibility and operational control characteristics  
15 that would not have been possible had the companies continued to operate as two  
16 independent systems.

17 **Q. WHAT LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS ("LNG") FACILITIES DOES SCPC**  
18 **OPERATE?**

19 A. SCPC operates LNG facilities at Bushy Park, South Carolina, near North  
20 Charleston, and at Salley, located in western Orangeburg County. These facilities  
21 allow SCPC to store natural gas in a liquid form and inject vaporized gas into  
22 SCPC's system when needed. The LNG facilities are used primarily as a

1 mechanism to help meet peak loads on the system and as a backup supply of gas in  
2 emergency situations.

3 As Mr. Wingo will testify to in greater detail, SCPC's management  
4 analyzes and considers the supply and interstate capacity aspects of its business on  
5 an on-going basis in order to provide safe, reliable, and economical natural gas  
6 service to South Carolina. All of the variables related to the growth of our state  
7 and the demand on SCPC's system must be balanced with corresponding supply  
8 and capacity needs.

9 **Q. WHEN DID THE BUSHY PARK LNG FACILITY BEGIN OPERATING?**

10 A. The Bushy Park facility began operating in 1976 to provide additional  
11 capacity to the system in general and to provide an additional source of gas supply  
12 for Charleston. Until 1984, Charleston was served by a single 10-inch pipeline  
13 from Bowman south. Over the years, however, the Bushy Park LNG facility has  
14 provided an important reliability function for the Charleston and Georgetown  
15 areas.

16 **Q. WHAT STEPS HAS SCPC TAKEN IN RECENT YEARS TO IMPROVE**  
17 **ITS SYSTEM?**

18 A. Over the years, SCPC has consistently upgraded its system by adding  
19 pipeline and compression to meet new demand and to create operating flexibility  
20 on its system. One of SCPC's long-term strategic goals has been to reduce its  
21 reliance on any one supplier and better balance its system between suppliers.

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF BALANCED INTERSTATE**  
2 **CAPACITY.**

3 A. Historically, the two systems that were merged to form SCPC relied on  
4 Southern for approximately eighty-five percent (85%) of their combined supply.  
5 The remaining approximately fifteen percent (15%) of supply came from Transco.  
6 This reliance was a function of the physical limitations of operating two  
7 independent systems, the largest of which (SCE&G) did not have high volume  
8 pipeline facilities located near the Transco system.

9 During the 1970s and 1980s, demand for natural gas boomed on Southern.  
10 As demand grew on Southern's system, capacity on Southern's system became  
11 much tighter and more expensive. As a result, SCPC became increasingly  
12 concerned about reliability and throughput on Southern. Because Aiken is literally  
13 at the end of Southern's system, any problems or limitations upstream on  
14 Southern's system translated into significant problems and limitations for SCPC.  
15 Creating a more balanced system has been important to the long-term reliability  
16 and economic health of our system, and to the value SCPC brings its customers.

17 **Q. HOW HAS SCPC CREATED A MORE BALANCED SYSTEM?**

18 A. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, SCPC was required to meet demand that  
19 was growing rapidly in the southern and central part of the system. At that time,  
20 the two options were building an LNG facility in the Aiken area or entering into  
21 long-term supply contracts with Southern. Because of the configuration of  
22 SCPC's system and the location of the load growth, it was not practical to meet the



1 increased demand by increasing our supply from Transco. For the reasons stated  
2 above, SCPC was also reluctant to increase its reliance on Southern.

3 However, the construction of a LNG facility was attractive for several  
4 reasons. Perhaps most important reason was the reliability features of LNG  
5 service. LNG service is not affected by emergencies on the Company's upstream  
6 interstate pipelines that may interrupt flowing gas deliveries. LNG can be  
7 available even when flowing gas is limited due to the effects of hurricanes in the  
8 Gulf, pipeline freeze-ups due to extreme cold weather, and other events and  
9 accidents on the upstream pipelines that serve SCPC. Having significant LNG  
10 available on SCPC's system, particularly at Salley, provided a reliability feature  
11 that was very attractive. However, LNG is a time limited resource.

12 The decision to build the Salley facility was also supported by  
13 considerations of long-term flexibility and strategic positioning. Choosing to  
14 build LNG facilities at Salley allowed the Company to meet demand growth on  
15 the southern and central part of its system without further increasing our  
16 dependence on Southern. It has also allowed SCPC, through displacement, to  
17 choose either Transco or Southern as the source of the additional gas for  
18 liquefaction during the summer months when SCPC refills storage.

1   **Q.    WHAT IMPROVEMENTS HAS SCPC MADE TO ITS SYSTEM SINCE**  
2   **THE SALLEY LNG FACILITY WAS BUILT?**

3   A.       Since the construction of Salley in 1992-93, the largest single improvement  
4   to the Company's system was the upgrade of its Grover to Bethune facilities. In  
5   1995-97, SCPC constructed a new 16-inch high-pressure pipeline along this route  
6   (approximately 85 miles). This upgrade was coupled with the construction of a  
7   compressor station at Grover with nine (9) new compressor units. At the same  
8   time, the Company built a new 12-inch pipeline from Bethune to Florence  
9   (approximately 56 miles) to increase deliverability into the rapidly growing areas  
10  around Myrtle Beach and to support important industrial loads near Florence.

11         In 1998, SCPC upgraded its Aiken to Gilbert facilities by upgrading  
12  twenty-two (22) miles of older 10-inch pipeline to 16-inch high-pressure pipeline.  
13  In 2001, the Company reengineered its compressor station at Camden to increase  
14  total compression station efficiency to allow bi-directional pumping. SCPC can  
15  now use this station to move gas from the northern side of the system (Grover-  
16  Bethune) to the southern side (Aiken-Columbia) and vice versa. At the same time,  
17  SCPC upgraded the Bethune to Sumter pipeline by adding a new 16-inch high-  
18  pressure pipeline. This improvement is important because it removed a bottleneck  
19  between the Grover-Bethune side of our system and the Aiken-Columbia side.

20         SCPC also recently improved its system by constructing a new pipeline  
21  extending from Salley to Eastman (approximately 27 miles), which was designed  
22  primarily to serve a generation facility operated by Columbia Energy in Calhoun

1 County. In early 2004, SCPC further improved its system by completing  
2 construction of a new pipeline extending from Yemassee to Jasper (approximately  
3 38 miles) thereby providing SCPC with an opportunity to receive gas from  
4 Southern's facilities in the vicinity of Savannah, Georgia and from LNG facilities  
5 at Elba Island, Georgia. As a result, the Yemassee to Jasper interconnect provides  
6 SCPC with another reliable source of gas.

7 **Q. WHAT HAS BEEN THE EFFECT OF THESE IMPROVEMENTS ON**  
8 **SYSTEM OPERATIONS?**

9 A. All these improvements have been important to meet the growing demand  
10 on SCPC's system. Moreover, these improvements have also allowed SCPC to  
11 create a better balance of supply between Southern and Transco.

12 Accordingly, in the last ten (10) years, the Company has attempted to create  
13 a system that has the operating flexibility to accept gas either from Southern or  
14 Transco as the situation dictates. The upgrading of the Grover delivery point on  
15 Transco, the creation of a bi-directional pumping capability at Camden, and the  
16 upgrading of the intervening pipelines between Grover and Aiken, all mean that  
17 the Company has increased flexibility to serve its needs and those of its customers  
18 from either of the two interstate pipelines. Before the merger, the Company was  
19 locked into Southern for over eighty-five percent (85%) of its natural gas supply.  
20 Now SCPC has the ability to balance supply between the two upstream interstate  
21 pipelines on most days, with sixty percent (60%) supply on Southern's system and  
22 forty percent (40%) supply on Transco's system.

1   **Q.    WHAT REQUEST DO YOU HAVE OF THE COMMISSION IN THIS**  
2   **PROCEEDING?**

3   A.       During the period under review, the Company has prudently managed its  
4   business operations and appropriately recovered its gas costs and purchased its gas  
5   supplies. Therefore on behalf of SCPC, I respectfully request the Commission  
6   find that SCPC has recovered its gas costs for the period under review consistent  
7   with its tariff and Commission orders and that it has purchased its gas supplies in a  
8   prudent and reasonable manner.

9   **Q.    DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?**

10  A.       Yes.

•Southern Natural expanded into Georgia and terminated its line at Aiken in 1950.

## SOUTHERN NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

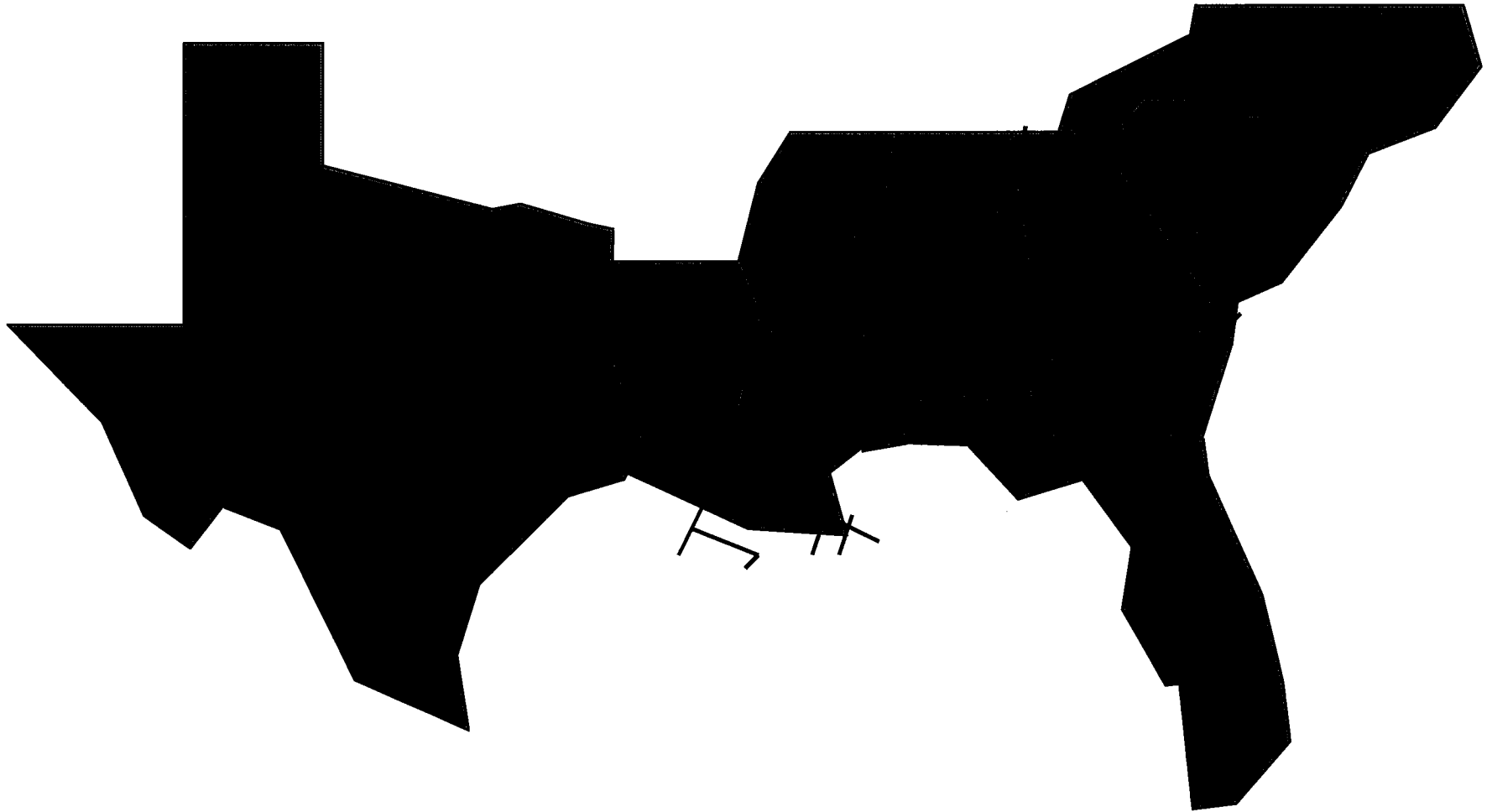


Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_ (PVF-1)

•Transco passed through South Carolina  
in 1951 focussing on NE industrials.

## TRANSCONTINENTAL GAS PIPELINE

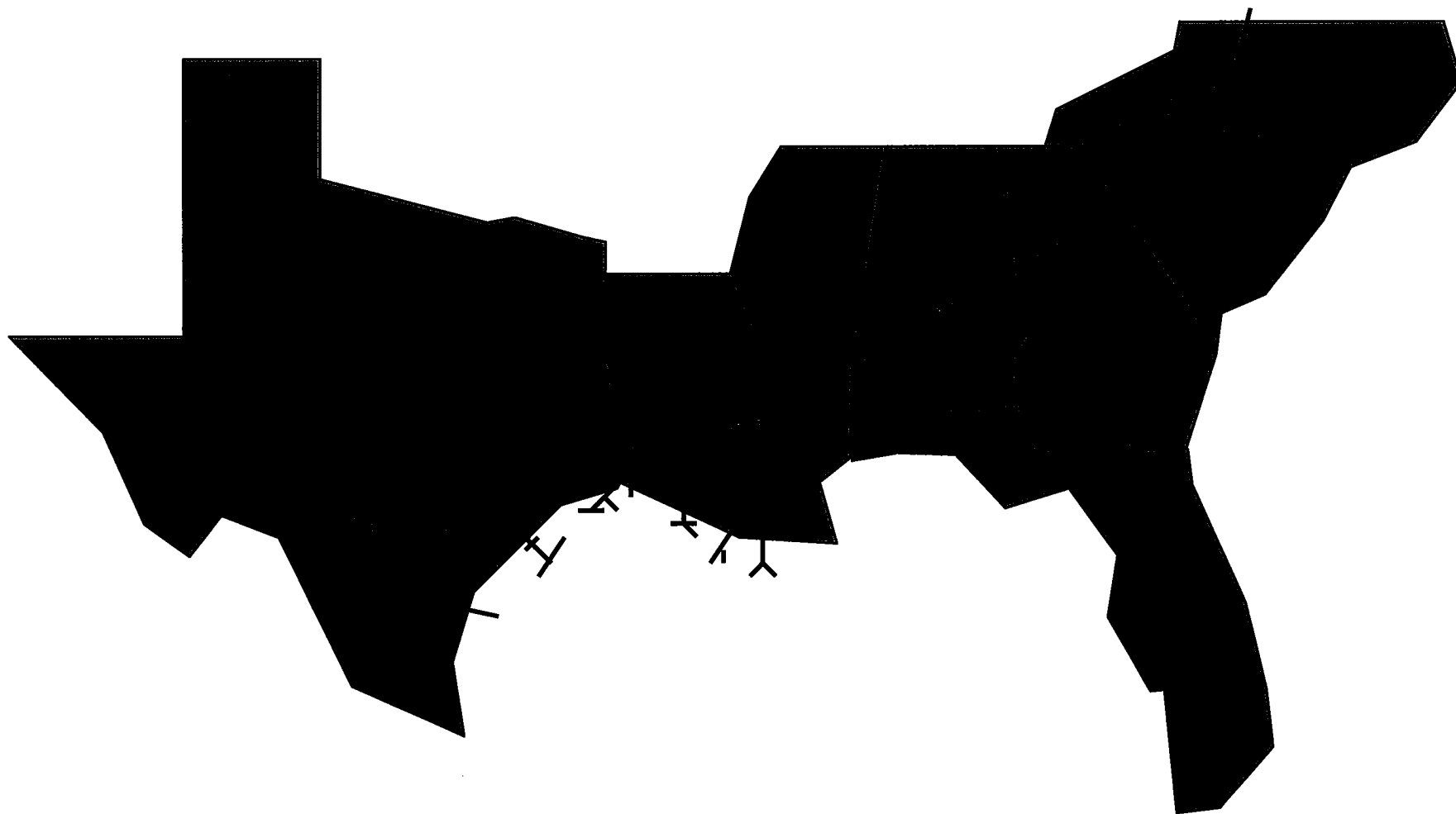


Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_ (PVF-2)

**COMBINED VIEW OF  
TRANSCO & SOUTHERN NATURAL**

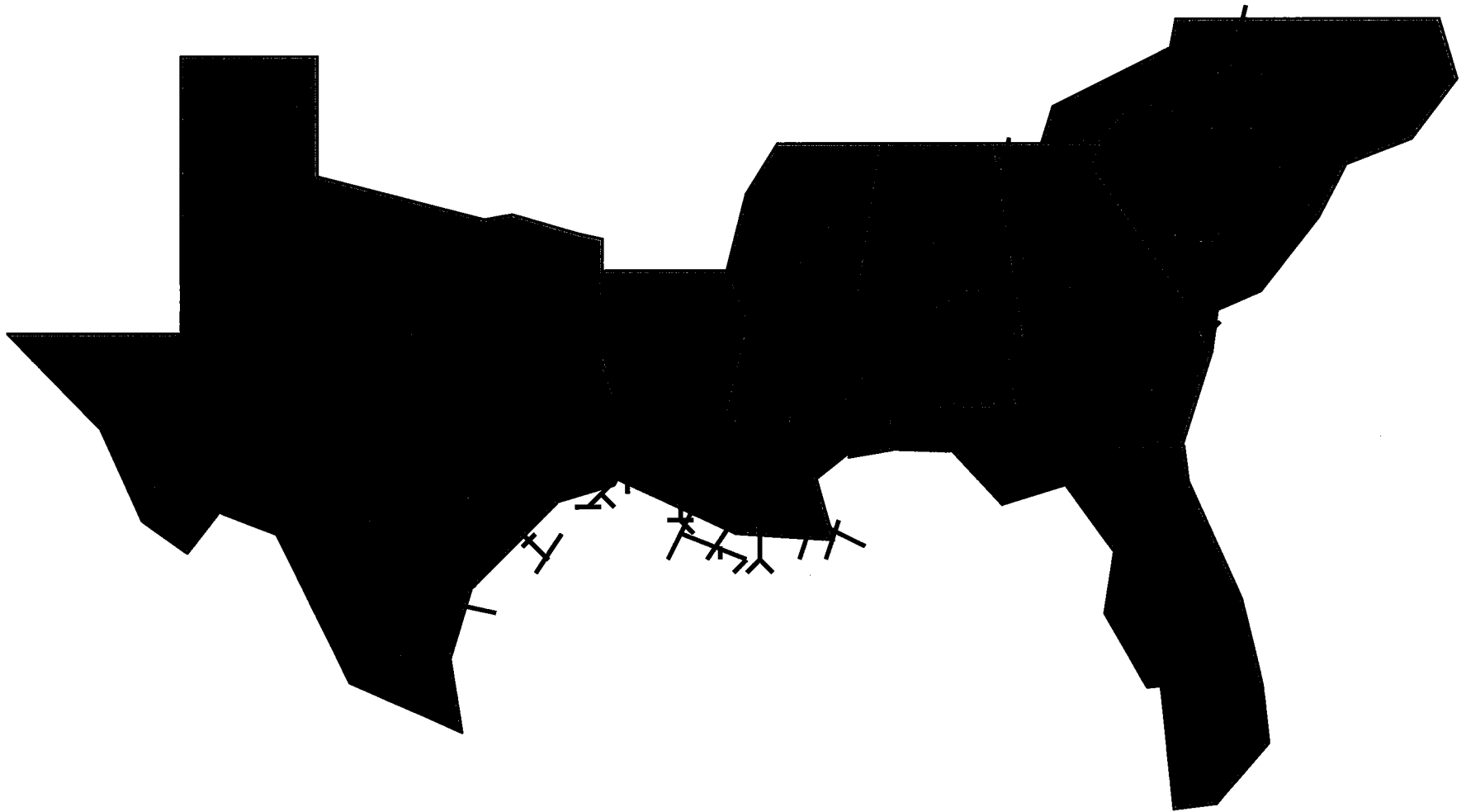


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## SCNG (SCE&G) GAS TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

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**SOUTHERN  
NATURAL >**

- SCE&G formed SCNG in 1952 and branched out from Aiken.
- SCNG began natural gas service to Charleston and Columbia in 1954.
- By the early 1960's, SCNG had over 400 miles of pipe.
- SCNG absorbed by SCE&G in 1967.

ALLEN

GEORGETOWN

CHARLESTON

TON

BEAUFORT

PARRIS  
ISLAND

Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_ (PVF-4)



## CAROLINA PIPELINE CO. GAS TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

TRANSCO >

SOUTHERN  
NATURAL >

- Carolina Pipeline Co. was formed in 1955.

- The initial system began in Cherokee County and stretched 330 miles to Florence and Dillon Counties.

- In 1976, a holding company, CEI, was formed and CPC became the transmission subsidiary.

Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_ (PVF-5)

**CURRENT SCPC  
GAS TRANSMISSION SYSTEM**

**TRANSCO >**

**SNG CO. >**

**SNG CO. >**

- SCPC has 2,008 miles of transmission lines in SC
- SCPC is connected to two (2) major interstate pipelines
- SCPC / SCE&G service extends into 45 of the 46 counties in SC
- SCPC has nearly 300 customer delivery points in its service territory
- SCPC has two (2) LNG Facilities

Map labels: GREENVILLE, SPARTANBURG, GAFFNEY, ANDERSON, N. AUGUSTA, MYRTLE BEACH, GEORGETOWN, CHARLESTON, BEAUFORT, PARRIS ISLAND, ALLEN, VILLE, LON, WAY.

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GAS TRANSMISSION SYSTEM**

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**SNG CO. >**

**PIEDMONT NATURAL**

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